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MEETING MINUTES FINAL

**Friday, May 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
Remote meeting via web conference**

Refer to the “Remote Access to Information and Participation” section below for instructions.

Council Members: Andrew Sullivan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford (Vice Chair, San Francisco Public Works), Jillian Keller, Morgan Vassiet-Fauvel, Igor Lacan, Ildiko Polony, Pamela Nagle, Edgar Xochitl Flores, Mike Sullivan, Blake Troxel (Presidio Trust), Damon Spigelman (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), Oscar Hernandez-Gomez (San Francisco Planning Department), Tai Trang (Port of San Francisco) and Matthew Stephens (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department).

Order of Business

Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am.

Present: Chair Sullivan, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Lacan, Member Vassiet-Fauvel, Member Troxel, Member Spigelman, Member Polony, Member Trang, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores
Excused: Member Keller, Member Sullivan, Member Stephens
Guests: Kasey Asberry, Christian Martin

2. Adoption of Minutes of the March 26, 2021 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting. (Explanatory Document: March 26, 2021 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion from Member Sullivan and seconded by Member Nagle the minutes were approved unanimously.
(Ayes: Vice Chair Crawford, Member Lacan, Member Vassiet-Fauvel, Member Troxel, Member Spigelman, Member Polony, Member Trang, Member Xochitl-Flores Excused: Member Keller, Member Sullivan, Member Stephens; Absent: None)

3. General Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. Discussion of the Urban Forestry Council 2019 Strategic Plan goals and priorities. Speaker: Andrew Sullivan, Urban Forestry Council Chair. (Explanatory Document: UFC 2019 Strategic Plan)
(Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Sullivan introduced this item and discussed that there has been increased support for urban forestry budgets.

Member Polony proposed that the Council draft and approve a resolution endorsing the 2021 Climate Action Plan.

There was discussion of the proposal to endorse the Climate Action Plan as well as the organization of the plan with respect to the carbon sequestration power of urban trees compared to other benefits and whether this should be discussed in other chapters, e.g., energy supply.

Member Trang introduced himself as a new member of the Urban Forestry Council and is an arborist for the Port of San Francisco.

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on the SOMA West Community Benefit District. Speaker: Christian Martin, SOMA West Community Benefit District. (Discussion)

Guest Christian Martin presented on the SOMA West Community Benefit District. Martin explained the history of SOMA West launched in 2020. Services completed include trash collection, watering of trees, weeding and landscaping of the urban environment. Outreach to the unhoused community and response to SF resident complaints via 311 help to mitigate disagreements between unhoused and housed populations.

Future projects include adding murals, increasing green spaces and expanding into areas currently monitored for community improvement.

Discussion occurred about the funding of the SOMA West Community Benefit District.

Chair Sullivan expressed support for the addition of trees in this district and noted the difficulty of supporting urban trees. Martin noted that there is ongoing capacity building to increase impact of SOMA West.

There was no public comment.

6. Presentation on the UC Hastings-Tenderloin Green Community Benefits Plan. Speaker: Kasey Rios Asberry, Demonstration Gardens (Discussion)

Guest Kasey Rios Asberry presented on the Tenderloin Green Community Benefits (TGCB) Plan which addresses legacy equity issues. Asberry explained that lack of green spaces is connected with poor human health. Replacement and protection of trees in these neighborhoods are prioritized. TGCB participates in many partnerships and creates green collar jobs to address social justice. Asberry hopes to improve downtown neighborhoods by improving infrastructure to increase tree capacity in the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Discussion occurred about challenges faced by the TGCB plan and the ability of San Francisco to add funding and help with partnerships to facilitate cross-collaboration of similar groups. Asberry

clarified that collaboration of small organizations is already occurring and extremely beneficial to the work.

Public Comment via Webex:

Louis requested email addresses for both presenters to learn more.

Josh Klipp pointed out that collaboration between organizations is already occurring but that support for funding and resources is lacking.

7. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee. Mike Sullivan, Committee Chair.

Member Lacan recapped the Planning and Funding Committee discussion of Tree Mortality of Acacia and other tree species.

Peter Brastow noted that the Landmark Tree Committee had not met and thus there was no update.

There was no public comment.

8. Staff Report. Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Peter Brastow reported that the Landmark Tree files and documents have been sorted and each Landmark tree can be supported by documentation. However, SF Environment websites and Public Works will need to be updated. Pending Landmark tree on Filbert Street has been forwarded to the Board and the Landmark tree on McAllister (Buckeye) is in process.

Land Acknowledgment Resolution document feedback on language has been received and can be added to the June 22nd agenda. The most recent Street Tree List will be brought to Planning and Funding Committee meeting.

Dan Flannagan has retired from FUF and the UFC leaving an opening in Planning and Funding Committee.

There was no public comment.

9. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

Vice Chair Crawford announced he will be speaking at a webinar at 9am, June 8th Coffeeberry and other native plants have been acquired so that organizations who may have overflow of native plants can continue to grow.

There was no public comment.

10. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Member Troxel proposed discussing Article 16 at a future meeting.

Peter Brastow reminded that the national funding initiative could be on a future agenda.

Member Polony noted that the Council could discuss resolution on the Climate Action Plan.

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

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